

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MONTANA
MISSOULA DIVISION

CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL
DIVERSITY, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

and

WESTERN WATERSHEDS
PROJECT, et al.,

Consolidated-Plaintiffs,

vs.

UNITED STATES FISH AND
WILDLIFE SERVICE, et al.,

Defendants,

and

SPORTSMEN'S ALLIANCE
FOUNDATION; SAFARI CLUB
INTERNATIONAL; ROCKY
MOUNTAIN ELK FOUNDATION;
STATE OF MONTANA; MONTANA
FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS; and
STATE OF UTAH,

Defendant-Intervenors.

Lead Case
CV 24-86-M-DWM

Member Case
CV 24-87-M-DWM
CV 24-97-M-DWM

ORDER

Having reviewed the materials filed by the parties in preparation for the June
18, 2025 motions hearing,

IT IS ORDERED that argument at the hearing shall proceed as follows:

(1) Plaintiffs will collectively be given seventy (70) minutes for argument, to be divided into the following topic areas:

First Twenty Minutes: Range and Significant Portion

Second Twenty Minutes: Best Available Science – Genetics
and Population

Third Twenty Minutes: Regulatory Mechanisms and State
Population Modeling

Final Ten Minutes: Standing

This organization is consistent with the issue areas briefed by the various Plaintiffs. Note that a single attorney is expected to argue each topic area; thus, no more than four attorneys will be permitted to argue.

(2) Defendants and Defendant–Intervenors will also be given seventy (70) minutes for argument. That time should be divided in a similar manner as outlined above with the same limitations as to attorney presentation; Defendants’ argument may not be fragmented or duplicative.

(3) Additional time may be given to Plaintiffs to respond, if necessary.

DATED this 12 day of June, 2025.



Donald W. Molloy, District Judge
United States District Court